In the Claims:

Please amend claims 26 and 31 and add new claims 36-50 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(i) as set forth in the "clean" version set forth below. Entry is respectfully requested. A version with markings to show the changes made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(1)(ii) is attached hereto as Appendix A.

___ If checked, the optional complete set of "clean" claims pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(c)(3) is attached hereto as Appendix B.

SPECIFICATION:

Paragraph at page 3, line 29 to page 3, line 32:

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There is no facility in any of the existing systems for conducting joint execution trades. Those are trades such as simultaneous buy and sell order, which must all be executed or the entire deal cancelled.

Paragraph at page 19, line 1 to page 19, line 5:

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As the deal matching process takes place, it is necessary that the list of quotes maintained at each Broker node be kept up to date. This is accomplished by each Broker node notifying others when it makes a change to a quote, as shown in figure 5.

Paragraph at page 32, line 3 to page 32, line 10:

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In the example given, both the quotes hit were for the same amount which was the full amount of the order. It may happen that one of the quotes hit is for less than the full amount in which case the taker trading agent, when it has received both the DealStatusMaker messages will see that one deal is for an amount greater than the other. It will then reduce the amount of the larger deal to that of the smaller deal.

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